

# Boogie Down Productions Lyrics

## "Illegal Business"

{\*30 seconds in: dj scratches "what can we get for 63 cents? "\*}

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Ganja business controls america  
Krs-one come to start some hysteria  
Illegal business controls america

[krs-one]

One afternoon around eleven o'clock  
It was freezin cold, he was standing on the block  
Sellin cheeba, nick's and dimes  
Sayin a rhyme just to pass the time  
The cops passed by, but he stayed calm  
Cause the leather trench coat was keepin him warm  
But this time they walked by real slowly  
He thought to himself, "they look like they know me"  
They drove away, but he didn't stay  
He jumped in the cab and he paid his tab  
But guess who he saw when he hit the block  
It was the same cop car, the same two cops  
They jumped out quick, they pulled a gun  
They said, "don't try to fight and don't try to run  
Cooperate and we will be your friend  
Non-cooperation will be your end"  
He jumped in the car, and while they rode  
They ran down the list of things he owed  
They said, "you owe us some money, you owe us some product  
Cause you could be right in the river tied up"  
He thought for a second and he said, "what is this?  
You want me to pay you to stay in business? "  
They said, "that's right, or you go to prison  
Cause nobody out there is really gonna listen  
To a hood," so he said, "good!  
I'll pay you off for the whole neighborhood"  
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[krs-one]

A guy named jack, is sellin crack  
The community, doesn't want him back  
He sells at work, he sells in schools  
He's not stupid, the cops are the fools  
Cause everyone else seems to go to jail  
But when it comes to jack, the cops just fail  
They can't arrest him, they cannot stop him  
Cause even in jail the bail unlocks him  
So here is the deal, and here is the facts  
If you ever wonder why they can't stop crack  
The police department, is like a crew  
It does whatever they want to do  
In society you have illegal and legal  
We need both, to make things equal  
So legal is tobacco, illegal is speed  
Legal is aspirin, illegal is weed  
Crack is illegal, cause they cannot stop ya  
But cocaine is legal if it's owned by a doctor  
Everything you do in private is illegal  
Everything's legal if the government can see you  
Don't get me wrong, america is great place to live  
But listen to the knowledge I give

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Yeah, krs-one come to start some hysteria

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Yeah, bdp takin over america

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Ganja business controls america

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Cocaine, sensai

Aspirin, coffee

Morphine, sugar

Tobacco, got to go

{\*dj scratches "what what what what, what can we get.. "\*}

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{\*dj scratches "what what, what can we get.. "\*}

Yeahhhhh, ganja business controls america

{\*dj scratches "what what what what what what,

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Yeahhhhh, cocaine business controls america

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